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Houghton's aide and private Secretary, Rives, is a direct descendant of William Cabell Rives, of Castle Hill, Albemarle County, Virginia, after whom my father was named. Rives was twice Ambassador to France, having filled in the interval by being Governor of Virginia and a United States Senator. His scion is [redacted] good looking. I advised him to get a copy of James Gallatin's Diary, considered scandalous in its time, depicting [redacted] social life in Paris in the early nineteenth century, when his father, Albert Gallatin, the gifted Swiss, was Ambassador.

In talking of European institutions on Tuesday, Monnet asked me if I thought Hallstein might be available for some high post. He had been told of his possible replacement in the Foreign Office (or at least a partition of his duties) by Blankenhorn. I told him the rumor was rampant. Blankenhorn is said to form part of a coterie, composed of von Eckhardt, Strauss, and possibly Grewe, ambitious to form foreign policy, and influential with the Chancellor. [redacted]

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After a visit to the Embassy, I lunched alone with Marcel Boussac on Boulevard Maurice Barrés. I found him depressed over the political situation. He said he had reluctantly arrived at the conclusion that the Common Market was the only way out of France's difficulties, but could only be made effective after the Government had balanced its budget, reformed its tax system, and taken other necessary steps including pacification of Algeria. He thought a constitutional change unnecessary, believing the mass of the people would welcome strong leadership without it. He cited Mendes France's success in carrying his proposals through the Chamber in the early days of his Presidency, but characterized his later activities as having been "disastrous". He fears any considerable unemployment would create a demand for a totalitarian master of which he thoroughly disapproves. However, he has no candidate to meet his qualifications.

On Algeria, he thinks NATO nations should declare their solidarity with France, and state they regard this issue, affecting a NATO area, as a French domestic concern. According to him, the cleaning up process in Algeria could then be accomplished in a matter of weeks.

Turning to the Middle East, Boussac advocated the registration with UN and NATO of international oil contracts covering that area.